

CHAPTER 4

SECURITY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS AND PLATFORMS

A. GENERAL

This Chapter establishes **policy** and responsibility for security of weapon systems, **including** platforms, such as armored fighting vehicles, fixed and rotary wing aircraft, and ships in port. DoD Components have a responsibility to protect weapon systems, particularly those in operational roles during a conflict, regardless of location.

B. POLICY

1. Commanders are responsible for the security of assigned, or transient weapon systems while these systems are resident on their installations. Commanders shall develop security plans to meet this responsibility.

2. Each DoD Component shall issue instructions governing the security of its weapon systems and describing the security **concept** for each class of platform, **in accordance with Chapter 2** of this Regulation. The priority for security **placed on similar systems** or **platforms** within each DoD Component **inventory** may vary due to differences in the following:

- a. Mission;
- b. Location and vulnerability;
- c. Operational readiness;
- d. Value, classification, and replacement **costs**.

3. Before operations, the owning DoD Component should request special security support from the host installation if necessary, as far in advance as possible. Economic and logistical considerations dictate that every reasonable effort be made by the host installation to provide the necessary security without resort to external support from the owning DoD Component. The owning DoD Component should provide materiel and personnel for extraordinary security measures (extraordinary security measures are those that require heavy expenditures of funds, equipment, or manpower; or unique or unusual technology) to the host installation.